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## RIGHTS OF MAN

I Speak in candour one night in slumber  
My mind did wander sea to Athlone  
The center station of this Irish nation  
When a congregation unto me was shown  
Beyond my counting upon a mountain  
Near to a fountain that cleary run  
I feel to tremble I'll not dissemble  
As they assembled for the rights of man

All clnd in green there I thought I seen  
A virtuous Queen that was grace & old  
Saying children dear now do not fear  
But come & hear what I will unfold  
This fertile country near seven centuries  
Since Strongbow's entry upon our land  
Has been kept under with woes unnumbered  
And always plundered of the rights of man

My cause you chided you so derided  
When divid-dalas you know  
All in disorder round Erin's border  
Strife grief & murder has left you low  
Let each communion detest disunion  
In love & union join hand in hand  
And believe old Granna that proud Britannia  
No more shall rob you of the rights of man

Then I thought the crowd all spoke so loud  
And stpflightway vowed to take her advice  
Thy seem'd delighted & all united  
Not to be frightened but to rejoice  
Her hary so pl-asing she play'd amazing  
I still kept gazing but could not understand  
She sang most enchanting & most endearing  
In words most cheating to the rights of man

Through the azure sky I then did spy  
A man for to fly & for to descend  
And straight wny came down upon the ground  
Where Erin round had her bosom friends  
His jazzling mitre & cross was brighter  
Then stars by night or mid-day sun  
In accents rare then I declare  
He prayed success for the rights of man

When prayer was ended he chndesceaded  
His hand to lend it in freedom's cause  
He says I'll lead you & always aid you  
And still persuade you to Christian laws  
When in affliction or sad restriction  
My benediction with uplift hand  
I here explain it you shall obtain it  
And surely gain it with the rights of man

For their inspeatio & clear direction  
And grand discretion the three leaved Plant  
He elevated & consecrated  
And this repeated do not recant—  
But still look to it & still review it  
Let none subdue it—it is three in one  
To prove its Unity in that community  
That holds len ty the rights of man

He straightway blessed & then caressed  
But still imp'e s'd them to persevere  
When a rustling wind that seemed quite unkind  
Wuffed this liquid through the liquid air  
Then Granna fluttered & these words uttered  
I'll break your fatters before it's long  
Away he flew & bade them adieu  
Saying I'll be true to the rights of man

When the population or congregation  
In exultation agreed to part  
Sook hands like brothers & kissed each other  
While friendship smothered each Irish heart  
They separated all animated  
All elevated at what went on  
As day was breaking & poor Shiel's awaking  
Drying Still he true to the rights of man